GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Performance in International Events
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the performance and outcome of Indian Sportspersons have been very poor in all the International sporting events like Olympics, Commonwealth and Asian Games etc. despite lot of preparedness and incurring huge expenditure for the purpose;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) the remedial measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;
(d) whether the Government is aware that some sportspersons fail to pass the dope test;
(e) if so, whether any mechanism is being developed to find out the usage of banned drugs/ substances by Sportspersons and prevent such failure in the dope test; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) and (b): Participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest ever contingent for participation in Olympics in 2016. India returned with 2 medals; P.V. Sindhu's Silver (Badminton) & Sakshi Malik's Bronze (Wrestling). India won 64 medals including 15 gold, 30 silver and 19 bronze in Commonwealth Games, 2014. It won 57 medals including 11 gold, 10 silver and 36 bronze in Asian Games, 2014. While the performance of Indian Sportspersons in international sporting events could have been better, it cannot be described as very poor
(c): The Department has held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. in an effort to improve India's performance in future competitions. It has been decided, among others, to enhance performance monitoring, emphasize on greater role of coaches in devising training programmes of medal prospects and strengthen sports science set − up.
Further, National Sports Federations (NSFs) have been advised by the department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probables get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver.
(d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is aware that some sportspersons fail to pass the dope test.
(e) & (f): The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) was established in 2009 with an aim to promote dope-free sports in the country. NADA regularly conducts dope testing in-competition and out-of-competition for the participating sportspersons. NADA has implemented the Registered Testing Pool for Elite Level Athletes to conduct dope test anytime and anywhere. This registered testing pool testing and regular national camps testing for the participating sports-persons are conducted by NADA.
NADA has also launched the "Program for Education and Awareness on Anti-Doping in Sports" (PEADS) with an objective to deal with the fight against doping across the country. The programme is being conducted at various places across the country during sport events / training sessions at SAI centres / SAI training centres, Physical Education Colleges / Universities, etc.

In addition, the anti-doping brochure / information has been got translated and printed by NADA in 14 different languages viz. Hindi, English, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Assamese, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Kashmiri and Manipuri languages to ensure the best communication of anti-doping message to the athlete groups belonging to various parts of India.

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